

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes
September 06, 2006
Conference Call

Members Present:

Jack Corson, Vice President
David Graham
Gene Hardy
Jim Mickelson
Helen Jones
Patrick Zimmerer
David Largent

Members Absent:

Spencer Ellis, President
Lee Otto
Dalín Winters Emily Horton
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture
Paige Smith, Governor Freudenthal's Office
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

WDA Staff Present:

Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

Conservation Districts

Jim Mickelson made a motion to approve the appointment of Tom Breen to serve the at-large position vacated by Bob Henry to the Teton Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Dave Graham. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Issues

Everyone was asked if they would like to continue receiving the copies of all of the reports generated by the Conservation Districts on their water quality grants. They all agreed they needed to continue for now. Jack Corson likes allowing for local control, which these grants do. They did ask Dani and Grant about the reports due for the block grants which have replaced the competitive grants. The Board wondered if we had accountability safeguards in place.

Jim Schwartz is going to follow up with Senator Mier about the legislation for changing the terms and adding the youth members to the Board. He also reminded the members about the next Joint Ag Committee meeting scheduled for October 26 and 27 in Sundance. Evidently the Governor of Nebraska has to sign the Platte River Implementation in order for Wyoming to be able to keep water. Jim Schwartz encouraged the Board to send a letter to him asking for him to sign it. Patrick Zimmerer is going to attend a meeting and will report back to the Board.

Gene Hardy attended the Drought Task force meeting.

Jim also told the members the Conservation District Area Meetings are going on throughout the state and encouraged each of them to contact their district offices to get more information. He talked about the USDA funding for the Livestock Assistance Program which will be administered by the

Department. Currently ten counties do not qualify. More information will be available later. Lois VanMARK is working on allowing grazing on CRP land extended from

October 5 through December 06. He also noted that Barney Cosner will be leaving the State Fair and the members said they would like to be involved in the selection committee.

There being no additional business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Ellis, President

Date

Attachment: Teton County Appointment Request